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1. SUMMARY. IN MEETING WITH CHARGE JUNE 12 NEPAL UN PERMREP UPADHYAYA EXPRESSED SYMPATHY WITH OUR EFFORTS TO DEVELOP POSITIVE POSITIONS AT SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION AND AGREED THAT PROGRESS WAS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT COOPERATION OF DEVELOPED, AS WELL AS DEVELOPING, COUNTRIES. NONETHELESS, UPADHAYA SAID THAT BASED ON POLITICAL REALITIES AND DESIRE TO AVOID ISOLATION FROM OTHER NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, NEPAL WOULD HAVE TO

VOTE WITH GROUP OF 77. HE PROMISED, HOWEUI TO KEEP AN OPEN MIND AND TO BE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH USUN IN EFFORT TO PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE. END SUMMARY.

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2. CHARGE, ACCOMPANIED BY FISCHER AND LORTON (NEA/INS),

MET JUNE 12 WITH JOINT SECRETARY (UN AFFAIRS) BHATT AND NEPAL'S PERMREP UPADHYAYA FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AND FORTHCOMING LIMA MINISTERIAL MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED. CHARGE NOTED NEW PROPOSALS BY SECRETARY WERE DESIGNED TO DEVELOP COOPERATIVE SPIRIT NECESSARY TO MEET WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND REVIEWED SUBSTANCE OF AIDE MEMOIRE DELIVERED TO FONMIN (REFTEL). UPADHYAYA NOTED THAT HE HAS BEEN ABSENT FROM NEW YORK FOR NEARLY FIVE MONTHS AND AS RESULT HAD LITTLE FEELING FOR PRESENT MOOD OF EITHER NON-ALIGNED OR GROUP OF 77. BASED ON HIS EXPERIENCE AT SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION AND LAST YEAR'S UNGA, HOWEVER, UPADHYAYA SAID HE WAS PESSIMISTIC THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COULD BE OVERCOME. HE WAS UNABLE TO ASSESS IMPACT OF SECRETARY'S RECENT SPEECHES BUT FELT THAT COMPROMISE WOULD BE DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE.

3. UPADHYAYA EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE SYMPATHY FOR U.S. POSITION AND AGREED THAT SOLUTIONS TO MAJOR WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF ALL CONCERNED. NEPAL, HE SAID, LIKE OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP OF 77, REALIZED THAT LITTLE COULD BE GAINED BY CONTINUATION OF POLITICS OF CONFRONTATION OR ADOPTION OF EXTREMEM POSITIONS. NONETHELESS, FOR POLITICLA REASONS AND BECAUSE OF DESIRE TO AVOID ISOLATION AMONG NON-ALIGNED, NEPAL WOULD HAVE TO VOTE WITH GROUP OF 77 ON ISSUES WHICH WOULD BE BROUGHT TO SPECIAL SESSION FOR DECISION.

4. UPADHYAYA PROMISED TO KEEP AN OPEN MIND ON RANGE OF ISSUES AND U.S. PROPOSALS AND SAID THAT "NEPAL WOULD DO ITS BEST" TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE. HE GAVE ASSURANCES THAT HIS DELEGATION WOULD KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH USUN IN THIS REGARD.

5. TURNING TO QUESTION OF LIMA NON-ALIGNED MINISTERIAL MEETING, CHARGE NOTED THAT MUCH OF THE SAME GROUND WOULD NO DOUBT BE RAISED THERE AS AT SPECIAL SESSION, AND HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE LIMA MEETING WOULD NOT FORCE AN AGENDA UPON GROUP OF 77 NOR PRE-JUDGE DISCUSSIONS AT SPECIAL SESSION. UPADHYAYA AGREED THAT MEMBERSHIP OF NON-ALIGNED AND GROUP OF 77 IN LARGE PART OVERLAPPED AND NOTED CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT NON-ALIGNED WAS POLITICAL BODY WHICH OFTEN TRIED TO IMPOSE ITS VIEWS ON 77. HE SAID DISCUSSIONS WERE NOW GOING ON IN NEW YORK BY 77 TO DRAW UP AGENDA. IN RESPONSE TO CHARGE'S EXPOSITION OF PROBLEM AREAS IN GROUP OF 77'S AGENDA (PARA 6, REF. C), UPADHYAYA SAID THAT ON ISSUE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, FOR EXAMPLE, AGENDA ITEM WAS STILL TOTALLY LACKING IN SPECIFICS. IN DISCUSSION OF OUR AGENDA ITEMS (PARA 5, REF. C), CHARGE TOOK OCCASION TO NOTE THAT UNDER

ITEM 5, "STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE UN,"
WE DID NOT ENVISAGE CHARTER REVISION. HE SAID WE
HAD NOTED RECENT INTERNATIONAL REPORT ON THIS ISSUE
PREPARED BY GROUP OF EXPERTS CHAIRED BY TANZANIAN EXPERT (STATE
133198). WE WERE STUDYING REPORT CAREFULLY AND WERE IMPRESSED BY
FACT THAT GROUP OF EXPERTS WHICH DRAFTED IT CONTAINED SUB-
STANTIAL NUMBER OF THIRD WORLD MEMBERS.

6. CHARGE ASKED WHETHER NEPAL WOULD BE MAKING ANY CONCRETE
PROPOSALS, EITHER AT LIMA OR IN NEW YORK. UPADHYAYA
REPLIED THAT NONE HAD YET BEEN FORMULATED BUT SAID THAT THERE
WAS INTEREST IN REVIEWING LAST YEAR'S ATTEMPT TO GET AGREE-
MENT ON SPECIAL ECONOMIC NEEDS OF LAND-LOCKED AND LEAST DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES. A SPECIFIC LISTING OF SUCH COUNTRIES WOULD BE
USEFUL, FOR EXAMPLE, IN OBTAINING MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED
STATUS. AS YET THERE HAD BEEN NO GENERAL AGREEMENT WITHIN
GROUP OF 77 ON LIST OF COUNTRIES. BHATT INTERJECTED THAT
NEPAL HAD PRESSED ISSUE OF ITS CLASSIFICATION AS MSA ONLY
LAST MONTH BUT THAT ITS APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN REJECTED
ALTHOUGH AFGHANISTAN'S HAD BEEN ACCEPTED.

7. CHARGE POINTED OUT THAT CONTENTIOUS ATTITUDE WHICH HAD
BEEN TAKEN IN HAVANA NON-ALIGNED COMMUNIQUE DID NOT HELP IN
CREATING ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE TO REAL NEGOTIATION. HE
SPECIFICALLY POINTED TO LANGUAGE ON PUERTO RICO ISSUE AS ONE
WHICH COULD NOT BUT HELP TO ALIENATE U.S. PUBLIC OPINION
ALREADY DISAFFECTED BY RECENT UN ACTIONS. HE STRONGLY URGED
THAT LIMA MEETING NOT ENDORSE LANGUAGE OR RESOLUTIONS
SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED AGAINST U.S.

8. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF MAJOR ISSUES TO BE RAISED AT
30TH UNGA (STATE 131759), CHARGE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH OUR
POSITION ON KOREA NOT YET FULLY DEVELOPED, IT
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WAS LREADY CLEAR THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER THIS A MAJOR ISSUE;
IT REMAINED OUR VERY STRONG VIEW THAT NO EFFORT SHOULD
BE MADE TO DISSOLVE UN COMMAND WITHOUT CREATION OF ALTER-
NATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. ALTHOUGH NEITHER BHATT NOR UPADHYAYA
TOOK UP DISCUSSION, WE FELT OPPORTUNITY SHOULD NOT BE
MISSED TO PUT THEM BOTH ON NOTICE THAT U.S. HAS NOT
ALTERED VIEWS ON KOREAN QUESTION AND THAT WE WOULD BE MAKING
MAJOR DIPLOMATIC EFFORT ON THIS ISSUE LATER THIS YEAR.

9. COMMENT: MEETING WAS USEFUL AND FRANK. DESPITE
UPADHYAYA'S SOMEWHAT PESSIMISTIC VIEW, HE SEEMED GENUINELY
CONCERNED THAT REPETITION OF ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE AT LAST
YEAR'S SPECIAL SESSION WOULD DO NO ONE, INCLUDING NEPALESE,
ANY GOOD. WE HOPE THAT USUN WILL CONSULT CLOSELY WITH HIM
IN EFFORT TO PROMOTE CONSTRUCTIVE GON ATTITUDE ON ISSUES OF

IMPORTANCE TO US. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, REAL LIMITS TO DEGREE
OF SUPPORT U.S. CAN EXPECT FROM NEPALESE GIVEN THEIR LONG-
STANDING PREOCCUPATION NOT TO GET OUT OF STEP WITH NON-
ALIGNED CONSENSUS. TO THE DEGREE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO SUPPORT
THEIR EFFORTS TO HAVE LEAST DEVELOPED AND LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES
GIVEN SPECIAL TREATMENT, WE MAY BE ABLE TO PERSUADE THEM TO USE
THEIR INFLUENCE MORE ACTIVELY IN SUPPORT OF OUR INITIATIVES.
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